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Sir:

Pursuant to their duty under 37 C.F.R. 1.56 and 1.97, applicants wish to make the references cited on the accompanying form PTO-1449 of record herein. All citations were made of record in the parent application, Application No. 09/114,307, filed July 13, 1998. Accordingly, copies of these references are not attached with this Statement pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.98(d).

It is respectfully requested that the cited information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and the references be made of record therein and appear among the "references cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

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This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the filing date of the above-referenced application. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-1510.

Respectfully submitted,

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